

ABSTRACT OF THE INVENTION

## METHODS OF EXTENDING CORNEAL GRAFT SURVIVAL

The present invention provides a method of extending corneal graft survival following corneal  
5 transplantation in a patient by administering to the patient an effective amount of a pharmaceutical composition containing a vascular endothelial growth factor receptor-3 (VEGFR-3) inhibitor, whereby lymphangiogenesis is suppressed in the cornea of the  
10 patient.

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